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1. Rumors current in Hanoi state that the French have hinted to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), they would desire conferences with the 6 March 1946 agreements<sup>1</sup> as a basis of negotiations. The DRV is said to have replied that they would negotiate only after withdrawal of French troops from Indochina.
2. Political circles in Hanoi do not expect the French to negotiate with the DRV. Most of the politicians believe the DRV Army will ultimately force French evacuation.

- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. In this accord the French recognized the Republic of Vietnam as a free state participating in the French Union while having its own government, own parliament, own army and control over its finances.

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